

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of dispersing a pigment, comprising the steps of:

(a) adding a pigment to a mixture comprising ~~the~~ a pigment dispersant of claim 1, comprising an acrylic backbone having a plurality of pendant anionic groups and a stabilizing substituent, the stabilizing substituent comprising an alkoxy-terminated polyalkylene oxide of the formula



wherein D is a divalent radical that is -O- or -NR₃-, R₃ is hydrogen or an alkyl group of from one to twelve carbons, R₁ is hydrogen or an alkyl group of from one to eight carbons, R₂ is an alkyl group of from one to thirty carbons, and n is an integer from one to one thousand,

water, and a cosolvent,

(b) mixing the pigment and the mixture to form a premix, and

(b) grinding the premix to produce a dispersion in which the maximum particle size of the pigment is less than six microns.